

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 23, 2006 (hereinafter "Office Action") has been carefully reviewed. Claims 1 and 6-20 are pending in this patent application. By this amendment, claims 1 and 6 have been canceled, and claims 7, 8, 10, 12, and 13 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14-20 were allowed.

Claims 7 and 10-12 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Such rewriting has been done. Therefore, claims 7 and 10-12 are believed to be in proper form for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1, 6, 8, 9, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by White et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,725,592). Claims 1 and 6 have been canceled. Each of claims 8, 9, and 13, as amended, depend directly or indirectly from a presumably allowable base claim. Thus, each of claims 8, 9, and 13 are believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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